# IS RETIRED TO-DAY

Sargt. William Blair, After Serving for Forty-five Years, Quits the Force at His Own Request.

INE IS 70, BUT STILL STRONG.

Has Done Desk Duty In Every Police Station-House in the City and Is

man on the force, was retired by Comner Greene to-day at his own re-

Sergt. Blair is seventy years old and has been on the force forty-five years Despite his years he is still in splendid chysical condition. When Commissioner egan to weed out the old men department by subjecting them to a severe physical examination by the a few months ago he added his nint? gold stripe to the sleeve of his unifo m. Brgt. Blair was born in 1833. He joined the old metropolitan police in February 1858. At that time Gen. James Nye and John S. T. Stranahan were two of the three Police Commissioners and Mayor Benjamin Wood was a member of the board ex-officio. Thuriew Weed, who then lived at the Astor House, recom-mended Blair's appointment. Police Headquarters stood on the southwest

corner of Broome and Elm streets. In 1862 Blair captured two burglars who had robbed the New Haven Steamboat Company. This earned him promotion to the rank of roundsman or Jan. 14, 1863. He was made a sergeant on Nov. 1, 1864, thirty-one years ago.

A short time ago Blair said that death was the only thing that would force tim to retire.

Mm to retire.

"You know my friends call me 'Billy the Kid,'" said the old man, "and I certainly feel as if I were growing younger every day. I am not the poortest man on the force, either. I've got real estate worth \$.00,000 that was left by my uncle, Lewis R. Blair, the Astor House barber. I also have a few other neat little bits of property."

Bergt. Blair has done duty in every police precinct in Greater New York, and of the seven thousand men in the department there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few the partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment there are few who don't know is the same partment the partment the partment there are few who don't know is the partment there are few who don't know is the partment the part

# FIRE PANIC DUE TO BURNING FA

**Upset** Grease in Bakery Causes Stampede of Tenants from Big Tenement-House in Their Night Clothing.

A pot of burning fat caused a fire panic in the four-story tenement-house ot No. 363 First avenue at about 2.30 o'clock this morning. Men, women and children, clad in nightrobes, were scattered through the halls and out into the streets, while firemen and policemen carried sleepy children down through

The basement of the building is used as a bakeshop by Abraham Neldinger. Neidinger was preparing a pot of fat in which to cook crallers, when he upset the pot and scattered the fat over the stove. It caught fire and he and two men who were working with him were spattered by the burning grease. They rushed into the street with cries

of "fire" and Policeman foung, of the East Twenty-second street station, saw them and turned in the alarm. The Department soon extinguished the flames and the damage was slight.

Another alarm was turned in about the same time by the automatic signal on the second floor of the big business block, Nos. 33 to 37 West Third street. The floor is occupied by Kops Brothers, corset manufacturers. About \$590 worth of corsets were ruined by the flames. The police believe another gang of incendiaries is at work in the northern part of the city, as an investigation of the fire which was discovered in the five-story flat-house at No. 112 East Eighty-third street yesterday afternoon has revealed the fact that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Detectives who were detailed on the case reported this morning that a pile of paper and raws soaked in oil had been set afire in one of the halls with the evident intention of diverting attention from some other part of the neigh-borhood where the firebugs had evidently intended robbery.

Owing to the fact that the flames were barely started before they were extin-quished, the thieves had little opportunity to carry their plan through sucpeasfully.

#### ILL, MAN TRIES SUICIDE.

Suffering from Nervous Prostration, Charles Malancy Cut His Throat. Charles Malaney, a plasterer, living with his wife and two children at No. 174 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat with a razor to-day. Nervous prostration and illness so undermined Malaney's health that he had to give up work several weeks ago. He was under the care of a physician. Malaney was sent to J. Hood Wright Hospital. The doctor reached him in time to stop the flow of blood and he

will probably recover. MAN STRUCK BY ST.EET CAR. James Keina, fifty-seven years old, was struck by car No. 2616 of the Lenox avenue line, north-bound, while crossing the street to-day at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Lenox avenue. He was taken to the Harlem Hospital suffer ng from contusions of the face and shoulder. He lives at Jis of the street and Tenth avenue.

### OLDEST POLICEMAN MISCHIEVOUS BOY CALLS FIREMEN TO A SCHOOL

Early Comer Turns in Alarm from Building No. 170 and Brings Engines on a Vain Errand.

with the Fire Department this morning, door leading into the hall had been left but if the janitor of Public School No. unlocked and it is supposed that some 170 finds out who did it there will be mischievous boy entered and saw the

The alarm was turned in from a special call box located just ins de the front door of Public School No. 170. This draw up in front of the school and in school is situated between Lenox and moment the air was filled with wild Station-House in the City and is Fifth avenues and runs from One Hun-Known to All Policemen as "Billy dred and Eleventh to One Hundred and "Hurrah, Jim

It was about 7 o'clock and the gates But they were mistaken. There wa had not yet been opened to admit the no fire.

170 finds out who did it there was or mischieved by and the temptation became too strong for him. The front of the box was broken and the catch down. A crowd of children saw the engines

No school to-day!

#### TO WED IN HOSPITAL ON DAY SET FOR CHURCH CEREMONY

Board of Polic Surgeons, this spiendid Mabel Martin to Frank E. Seeley, of old policeman withstood every test and New York, will take place next Wednesday in the Albany Hospital, where the ation. Only a few intimate friends and

issued. In the midst of the preparation Miss Martin became ill and she was removed to the hospital. The invitations were recalled, but when Miss Martin rallied from the shock of the operation she insisted that the wedding take place on the appointed day.

Mystery in the Suicide of Insurance Man Found in Newark After Making Death

Arthur Gallagher, thirty-five years old of Erie and Fourth streets, Jersey City, agent for the Prudential Insurance Company and a prominent figure in social carbolic acid and tumping into the Newark Bay at the foot of Danforth avenue,

hore in the afternoon, later found his In the pockets of the dead man's clothes were found \$17.25 and a Prudential Insurance Company's book, such as is used by agents.

Gallagher was considered one of the company's most trusted agents and his suicide is a mystery. He leaves a widow and two children.

CONSUL-GEN'L SKINNER SAILS. ol-General at Marseilles, who is about sul-teneral at Marsellies, who is about to visit King Menelek of Abyssinia to induce him to have his country represented at the St. Louis Exposition, and who will afterward make a tour of Abyssinia to study its conditions and resources, sailed to-day on the steamer La Touraine for Havre.

I. T. Love, an Authority on Color, Was Afraid He Would Suffer the Fate of Helen

Because of an insane hallucination that he was becoming blind John T. Love, a Passaic artist, killed himself

read it and reread it, and then the fear that some day he might be like Helen Kellar, unable to see the beauty of line and color, began to take possession of him. He consulted oculists, and was talk there was no dancers. taining the story of Helen Kellar. He of line and color, began to take pos-session of him. He consulted oculists, and was told there was no danger of his sight failing. Lespite these assur-ances his hallucination grew daily, and finally melancholia overcame him. While his wife was rocking their little fall on the floor below. She ran down and found her husband lying unconscious on the floor. Beside him was an empty bottle that had contained carbolic acid. daughter to sleep she heard a heavy

Physicians were summoned, but Love never regained consciousness.

### NOTED ORGANIST DEAD.

eter A. Schnecker, Thirty Years in West Presbyterian Church. Peter A. Schnecker, for thirty-tw ears organist of the West Presbyterian hurch, in West Forty-second street Church, in West Forty-second street, died suddenly at his home, No. 235 East Fifty-second street. He was noted as a writer of ecclesiastical music.

Born in Darmstadt, Germany, Mr. Schnecker came to this country nearly forty years ago. He studied under Dr. Muhlenberg, the founder of St. Luke's Hospital. His first position was as organist in the hospital chapel. Later he was assistant to Dr. George William Warren, of St. Thomas's Church, and then went to the West Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Paxton was in charge.

#### TEST YOUR KIDNEYS

Love, a Passaic artist, killed himself by taking carbolic acid.

Love was an authority on color, and his monographs on the subject won hin fame. Many famous artists visited his studio to consult him, and his canvasses were mostly impressionisms painted to support his theories.

His hallucination began about the time some one gave him a book containing the story of Helen Kellar. He

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ered buttons; exceptional

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